

Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC)
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
May 26, 2016
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Arnold Eby, Chair, Maryland Foster Parent Resource Center (phone)
Mark Acosta, The Coordinating Center
Kerry Hannan, Baltimore Child Abuse Center
Ed Kilcullen, Maryland CASA Association
Joan Little, Legal Aid Bureau (phone)
Vernice McKee, Department of Human Resources
Diane Shaffer, Talbot County Department of Social Services
Krista Trahan, Baltimore County Department of Social Services
Lt. Glen Wiedeck, Baltimore County Police Department

Guests:

Claudia Remington, State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)

Staff:

Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Tom Stack, Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

There was not a quorum at the start of the meeting; therefore, minutes were not approved. This agenda item will be tabled until the next meeting.

III. Child and Family Services Plan Presentation

At the last meeting, members were provided with the 2016 Federal Children's Justice Act Program Information (federal grant solicitation). Ms. Wheeler noted changes from previous years with a renewed focus on:

- Trafficking (page 9)
- Child and Family Services Plan (page 11)
- Link to legal and court representation improvement work (bottom of page 11)

In an effort to further collaborate and incorporate these areas into the work of the Children's Justice Act Committee, members received a presentation by Dr. Karen Powell from the Department of Human Resources on Continuous Quality Improvement: Enhancing Child

Welfare Outcomes. Dr. Powell discussed the Department's federal mandates which include the Child & Family Services Plan (CFSP), Annual Program & Services Report (APSR), and the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). As part of the Department's continuous improvement process, on-site reviews are being conducted at each of the local department of social services' offices. There is also ongoing monitoring and case reviews. The Department's next federal review is in 2018; however, internal reviews are being conducted in preparation.

Members also received a presentation from Tom Stack, Human Trafficking Policy Analyst, at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention. Mr. Stack provided members with information on Maryland's human trafficking problems, characteristics of victims, runaway children, and recruitment techniques.

IV. State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)

Ms. Remington provided members with the SCCAN's draft recommendation on comprehensive child sexual abuse prevention legislation. Members were asked to review the draft and provide Ms. Remington with feedback by Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

V. Grant Review Training

Ms. Wheeler provided members with a presentation on grant application reviewing. The Children's Justice Act Committee's grant review session is scheduled for July 28, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.